Do You Believe:

That Marie Antoinette said: "Let Them Eat Cake"?

There is no documentary evidence that she did. Rousseau in his "Confessions" reports that a "grande princesse" said this in 1740, but did not identify the lady. Marie Antoinette wasn't born until 1755. An Italian duchess also was credited with the remark sometime before 1760. The ill-fated French Queen was frivolous, but not that unkind.

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DO YOU BELIEVE:

WASHINGTON threw a dollar across the Potomac?

Attempts to refute this legend say there was no dollar when Washington was a boy, but the Spanish peso circulated and was called a dollar then. If he threw a dollar it was across the Rappahannock at Fredericksburg, Va., not the Potomac.

DO YOU BELIEVE:

LADY Godiva rode through Coventry in the nude?

The title of "Lady" did not exist in England in 1040 A.D. Leofric, Earl of Mercians, who was Godiva's husband, instead of being a tyrant, was loved by his people and founded many charitable institutions. The Peeping Tom part of the story did not appear until about 1240. English historians say the whole tale is pure fiction.

DO YOU BELIEVE:

WORLD maps are accurate?

Less than 5 per cent of the earth's surface has been mapped in accurate detail. says the American Society of Photogrammetry. Of the 55,000,000 square miles of world land surfaces only 10 per cent is covered by maps showing mountains and valleys. There will not be accurate maps of the U.S. until about 1970, the Society predicts.